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In Re the Application of:

Rao et al.

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For: "METHOD OF SYNTHESIZING
DIKETOPIPERAZINES"

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) Group Art Unit: 1646

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) REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

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Dear Sir:

Applicants, through their attorneys, respectfully petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR § 1.136(a) of three (3) months to respond to the Office Action mailed on April 7, 2004, with respect to the above-identified application, thereby extending the period for response from July 7, 2004, to October 7, 2004.

Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$475.00 as payment for the extension fee. Please credit any overpayment or debit any underpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-1970.

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